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Ruling Set In Little Case 'Bug' Charge

WASHINGTON, N.C., April 25 (UPI)—Superior Court Judge Henry A. McKinnon says he will rule next week on a request for a state report on alleged use of bugging equipment in the case against Joan Little, accused of killing a jailer.

McKinnon, who recessed a hearing for pretrial motions, said he will work this weekend with a stenographer on his rulings and have them ready Monday.

Miss Little, a 20-year-old black woman, is charged with the Aug. 27, 1974, slaying of Clarence Alligood, a 62-year-old white Beaufort County jailer.

Alligood was found partially clothed in Miss Little's cell where she had been awaiting appeal of a breaking and entering conviction. She fled from her cell, but surrendered eight days later, saying Alligood attempted to rape her.

The defense has filed 18 pretrial motions in behalf of Miss Little, five of which McKinnon says will be considered during the trial.

Thursday, Durham private investigator Guy Rankin testified his electronic equipment detected a bugging device in defense attorney Jerry Paul's office. He said Paul told him to locate the reported listening device, but not to remove it and he did not.